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### Local and Personal

Logan Marcott of the county superintendent's office spent Sunday visiting his parents in Brady.

The N. A. T. club will be entertained tomorrow evening at the home of Miss Myrtle Beeler, 410 South Sycamore street.

County Commissioner E. H. Springer arrived in the city yesterday morning from Brady to attend the meeting of the county board.

J. E. Bolsta, of St. Louis was in the city over Sunday visiting friends. He is traveling representative of the Eli & Walker firm in St. Louis.

Mrs. Sam Richards returned yesterday to her home in Omaha after spending several days in the city visiting friends and looking after business interests.

Miss Erma Huffman is home for a few days from Omaha where she is studying in a dramatic school. She is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Huffman.

A few bundles of remnant wall paper 10 cents per roll at C. M. Newton's.

The Presbyterian aid society will meet Thursday afternoon in the church parlors and will be entertained by Mrs. M. E. Crosby, Mrs. G. A. Zentmeyer and Mrs. F. W. Laughlin.

Mrs. Gus Chamberlain and little son returned Saturday morning to their home in Denver after visiting in the city for a few days with her father, Justice P. H. Sullivan, and her sisters.

Our hats are distinctive in style and workmanship. Visit the exclusive store, McVicker's Millinery at The Hat Shop. 19-3

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Quinn, of Cheyenne, arrived in the city Friday for a visit of several days with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oullette. Mr. and Mrs. Quinn were formerly residents of this city but left some time ago for Cheyenne.

Second hand stoves and ranges for sale, rent or trade. Leave orders for stove repairs. Peter McGovern, 1005 Locust, phone Black 390. 14-7

The ladies' aid of the Lutheran church will be entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William Anderson, 603 West Eighth street. Mrs. Anderson will be assisted by Mrs. Charles Sandall and Mrs. Charles Lierk, Jr. A devotional service will also be held and a good attendance is desired.

## IDLE MONEY

For funds that you will not use for a few Months, we issue Time Certificates of Deposit which bear interest at 4 percent.

In this way your funds which are temporarily idle, can be made profitable.

We will be glad to explain the plan more fully to you, if you will call.

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CHAS. McDONALD, President  
WM. H. McDONALD, Cashier W. E. STARR, Ass't Cashier

### Trudging the High School.

Just at present our schools are suffering from a good deal of criticism that is not constructive criticism. Criticism that is not intelligently made and that offers no remedy for present evils is decidedly destructive. It helps to lower instead of raise the standard. There has been a rather persistent rumor afloat for some time that the North Platte high school is no longer an accredited high school. That this rumor has no foundation in fact is evidenced from the following letter written Supt. Tout by Mr. A. A. Reed, the inspector of accredited high schools:

"I am unable to find any basis for the report to which you refer regarding the standing of pupils from the North Platte high school. The matter of any loss of standing on the part of your school is not in the consciousness of the Executive Dean or of the Registrar. It has not reached my office. I know of no other places where it would be possible to have any comparisons made. In so far as absolute rank is concerned, no effort is made to determine any such classification. I keep a record of the standing of all students during their first two years at the university, but have made no attempt to rank the schools.

"Permit me to state that the fourteen students from your school of whom we have a record, running from 1907-8 to the end of the first semester of 1912-13, make a very creditable showing. This list includes only students in the Art and Science college, the engineering college, and the College of Agriculture."

The North Platte high school has the elective system and the majority of our boys and girls are rather prone to elect the studies that will give them the necessary number of points for graduation with the least possible effort on their part. A little intelligent co-operation by the parents, the students and the faculty can undoubtedly remedy this rather serious matter.

### To Patrons Reese's Pantatorium.

Being unable to work during the months of October, November and December, on account of sickness and broken knee cap, I found "Rosy" Meyers doing poor work and neglecting business and on my return, replaced him with a first class presser and dry cleaner, Mr. Jessie E. Smith, with five years experience. I will superintend all cleaning personally so as to keep up my previous good work to its old standard. The cleaner that gives you the price before cleaning your clothes, Phone 450 we will call. Over Huffman's, cigar store. H. R. REESE, Prop.

W. A. Piper, Examiner for the Nebraska Building & Loan Association, of Lincoln, Neb., was in town and examined and approved \$10,900.00 of loan applications submitted by District Agent, C. F. Temple.

Come in and look over our line of lace curtains and draperies. We have just the shade you want at prices that will suit any pocketbook. Call at our store and make your selections. Howe & Maloney.

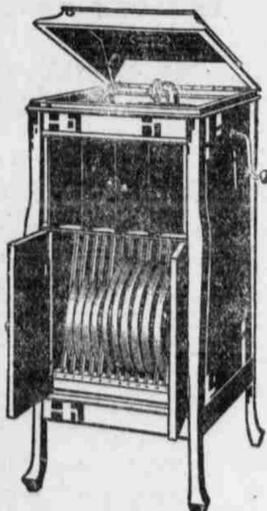
For the eight months, ending Feb. 28, 1914, the Southern Pacific company showed a decrease in gross revenue of \$3,201,127, and a decrease in the revenue in excess of operating expenses and taxes of \$4,506,748, according to a statement from the company's headquarters here.

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W. R. Powell, Agent, 507 Dewey Street.

New records received weekly.

## Dr. McCabe Favors Granting the Franchise

Mr. Editor:

As little so far has been said editorially or otherwise in our local papers, for or against the proposed electric light and gas ordinance, I desire to state my individual views on this subject which is a subject of vital importance to the prosperity of North Platte and the surrounding country.

Over thirty years ago I was engaged in the practice of medicine at Niagra Falls, N. Y., which was then a small town of a few thousand inhabitants. The town was old but with little prospect for increase of population and therefore, the prospective struggle for existence confronting a young and penniless medic appalled me. So, turning my face to the setting sun and my back upon Niagra Falls I hopefully wended my way westward that I might be in a position to grow up with the country. After an absence of thirty years I retraced my steps last fall and for the first time revisited the scene of my early struggles. You can imagine my surprise to find Niagra Falls a bustling city of 40,000 people, I found Buffalo, N. Y. which had a population of 120,000 thirty years ago, now a city of nearly half a million. The village of Batavia further east, where I had lived 35 years ago, I found to be a city of 20,000. In fact almost all the towns and western New York had grown to be large and prosperous manufacturing centers.

The development of Hydro Electric power brought about this wonderful advancement. I am informed that when capitalists from New York city came with a proposition to harness the water power of the state they were not met with any little swan song about municipal ownership by the people thus sounding the death knell of their own prosperity. On the contrary they met with hearty co-operation.

Now, the time is here when the water power of Nebraska is about to be developed and is fortunate for us that those back of such development have taken over our electric light plant and, with encouragement, stand ready to develop the Birdwood Power project. Of course, the power which can be developed will not perform the wonders which I have just described, but will be sufficient to be of immense benefit to this locality.

The question is, therefore, can we afford to reject the proposed ordinance, granting an extension of eleven years on the existing electric light contracts on account of trivial technicalities. Or on the other hand, can we afford to consider the few pennies which we may save on light by installing a dinky little \$47,000 municipal plant which could not be considered as a power plant at all. I say may advise if we are to take our Water plant as a criterion which, as shown by a recent published statement, is hardly making ends meet.

The wonder is that the showing is as good as it is. Instead of assisting the young man in charge of the plant to make a good showing, we obstructed him in every way. When we did not have the old water company and its officers to denounce we started in to denounce one another, the city council and the water commissioner. A majority of us refused to obey the ordinance pertaining to the installation of meters. We presented referendum petitions. We rushed into court and got thrown out. The question of meter is still unsettled, another sprinkling season is upon us and we are up in the air. In the circumstances, the man who advocates the municipal ownership of an electric and gas plant ought to have his mental condition enquired into by a competent specialist.

As to the gas ordinance I have only to say it fills a long felt want in North Platte. The man who talks or votes against it is talking and voting against the interests of the city of North Platte of his wife, his mother, his sister or his sweetheart. Such a one, to say the least, is far from acting a manly part. Whether you vote for equal suffrage or not, in the name of all that is manly do not vote to perpetuate the burden of the kitchen in your home. The man who says that it is against his political principles to vote for an ordinance of this kind is the sort of a chap who would not hesitate to eat his bread in the sweat of his wife's brow over a wash tub.

Yours truly,  
N. McCabe

### Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank members of the B. of R. T., D. of H. Ladies of the Baptist church, the Episcopal guild and friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and floral offerings during the sickness and death of our wife and mother.

H. E. Woods and children.  
Mrs. Sam Howes and family.

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District Judge H. M. Grimes and Court Reporter Barron left yesterday morning for Ogalalla to hold district court. This term was to have been the jury term, but Judge Grimes was up last week and looked over the docket and decided that the jury docket was too light to warrant calling the jurors. Only the equity cases will be handled at this term.

The Mutual Building & Loan Association has plenty of money on hand to close loans promptly and are in the market for desirable City Loans. By doing business with this home association, borrowers can save \$300.00 or more in the payment of each \$1000.00 borrowed over competing Building & Loan Associations.

## Advantages to the people under the New Gas Ordinance.

Rates lower than Grand Island and Hastings by 25 per cent and lower than Kearney by 14 per cent.

Convenience in the home. It costs half the price of coal and much less than gasoline. It's safe.

Hot water for bath is had quickly. It's always ready and will save you money over old method.

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